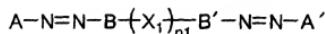


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An ink, which contains at least one dye of formula
(1):

Formula (1)



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wherein A and A' each independently represent an aryl group or a monovalent heterocyclic group; B and B' each independently represent an arylene group or a divalent heterocyclic group; X₁ represents a divalent linking 10 group; n1 is 0 or 1; and at least one of A, B, A', and B' is a heterocyclic group.